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Nationalism (1917) is a set of three lectures by Rabindranath Tagore. In these lectures, Tagore dissects the social ills and political consequences of nationalism, as manifested in Western Civilization, in Japan, and in India, emphasizing the social inequalities of gender, race, and class perpetuated by its rise.

MAN's history is being shaped according to the difficulties it encounters. These have offered us problems and claimed their solutions from us, the penalty of non-fulfilment being death or degradation.

These difficulties have been different in different peoples of the earth, and in the manner of our overcoming them lies our distinction.

The Scythians of the earlier period of Asiatic history had to struggle with the scarcity of their natural resources. The easiest solution that they could think of was to organize their whole population, men, women, and children, into bands of robbers. And they were irresistible to those who were chiefly engaged in the constructive work of social coöperation.

But fortunately for man the easiest path is not his truest path. If his nature were not as complex as it is, if it were as simple as that of a pack of hungry wolves, then, by this time, those hordes of marauders would have overrun the whole earth. But man, when confronted with difficulties, has to acknowledge that he is man, that he has his responsibilities to the higher faculties of his nature, by ignoring which he may achieve success that is immediate, perhaps, but that will become a death trap to him. For what are obstacles to the lower creatures are opportunities to the higher life of man.

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by Parliament of Malaysia

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by Udney Hay Jacob

Floating Island (1930)

by Anne Parrish

Tanar of Pellucidar (1973)

by Edgar Rice Burroughs, illustrated by Frank Frazetta

A Dialogue Between the Crosse in Cheap, and Charing Crosse (1641)

by Henry Peacham

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by William Clark Russell

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